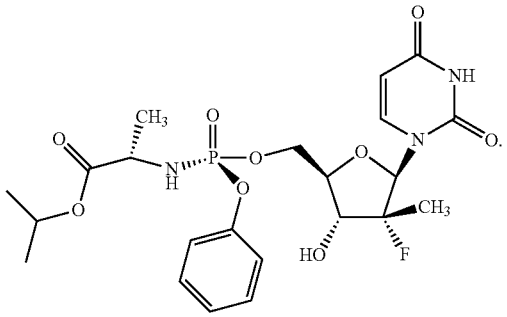
—$CH_2CH_2SCH_3$, CH_2CO_2H, $CH_2C(O)NH_2$, CH_2CH_2COOH, $CH_2CH_2C(O)NH_2$, $CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$, —$CH_2CH_2CH_2NHC(NH)NH_2$, CH_2-imidazol-4-yl, CH_2OH, $CH(OH)CH_3$, CH_2((4'-OH)-Ph), CH_2SH, or lower cycloalkyl, or

R^{3a} is CH_3, $CH(CH_3)_2$, $CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, $CH(CH_3)CH_2CH_3$, CH_2Ph, CH_2-indol-3-yl, —$CH_2CH_2SCH_3$, CH_2CO_2H, $CH_2C(O)NH_2$, CH_2CH_2COOH, $CH_2CH_2C(O)NH_2$, $CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$, —$CH_2CH_2CH_2NHC(NH)NH_2$, CH_2-imidazol-4-yl, CH_2OH, $CH(OH)CH_3$, CH_2((4'-OH)-Ph), CH_2SH, or lower cycloalkyl and R^{3b} is H;

R^4 is hydrogen, CH_3, Et, ^{i}Pr, ^{n}Pr, ^{n}Bu, 2-butyl, ^{t}Bu, benzyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, N-methyl-aziridin-2-yl, N-methyl-azetidin-3-yl, N-methyl-pyrrolidin-3-yl, N-methyl-pyrrolidin-4-yl, N-methyl-piperidin-4-yl, lower haloalkyl, or di(lower alkyl)amino-lower alkyl; and

R^7 and R^8 are independently H, F, Cl, Br, I, OH, OCH_3, SH, SCH_3, NH_2, $NHCH_3$, $N(CH_3)_2$, CH_3, $CH_{3-q}X_q$, where X is F, Cl, Br, or I and q is 1 to 3, vinyl, CO_2H, CO_2CH_3, $CONH_2$, $CONHCH_3$, or $CON(CH_3)_2$, wherein R' is a C_{1-20} alkyl; a C_{1-20} cycloalkyl; a C_2-C_6 alkenyl, a C_2-C_6 alkynyl.

2. The method of claim **1**, wherein the compound is



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